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SUBJECT: SYRIAN POWS IN ISRAEL

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1. RE REFTEL B, MISSION CONFIDENT ICRC IS NOT RPT NOT SHRINKING FROM ITS RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING POW'S. ON CONTRARY, ICRC IS PERSERVERING IN ITS EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS GOI AND GOS TO SECURE TREATMENT OF POW'S IN ISRAEL AND SYRIA IN ACCORDANCE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

2. THE NOTION THAT "SOME OTHER OUTSIDE PARTY" VISIT SYRIAN POW'S IN ISRAEL WAS MENTIONED BY ICRC DESK OFFICERS ZUGGER AND CHAPPUIS IN BELIEF THAT EXTRA PRESSURE MIGHT PROMPT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO COMPLY FULLY WITH GENEVA CONVENTIONS. IM MENTIONING THIS POSSIBILITY THEY REFERRED TO SITUATION IN CHILE WHERE VISITS TO POLITICAL DETAINEES BY REPS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND CHURCH GROUPS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON JUNTA. OF COURSE, IN MEANTIME SITUATION IN CHILE BACKFIRED AND ICRC, ALONG WITH REPS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM VISITS TO DETAINEES ON DAWSON ISLAND.

3. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION, ICRC DIRECTOR OPERATIONS HOCKE  
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CONFIRMED TO MISOFF THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF REMAINING PROBLEMS

RESPECT TREATMENT SYRIAN POW'S IN ISRAEL, AS REPORTED TO DEPT BY SYRIAN INTEREST SECTION CHIEF KABBANI (REFTEL A) WAS REASONABLY ACCURATE. HOCKE SPECULATED THAT ICRC REPORTS ON ITS VISITS TO SYRIAN POW'S IN ISRAEL WAS PROBABLY BASIS FOR KABBANI'S APPROACH. ONE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM CITED BY HOCKE WAS NEED FOR REPATRIATION OF SICK AND WOULDDED. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF QUERY, HOCKE DID NOT SHARE VIEW OF HIS COLLEAGUES THAT VISIT TO SYRIAN POWS IN ISRAEL BY "SOME OTHER OUTSIDE PARTY" WOULD BE USEFUL OR DESIREABLE. MINDFUL OF UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE IN CHILE, HOCKE OPINED THAT SUCH ACTION COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

4. BASIS MISSION'S TALKS IN RECENT DAYS WITH ICRC PRESIDENT GALLOPIN AND HOCKE, WE UNDERSTAND ICRC INTENDS CONTINUE VISITING POWS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND ON BASIS ITS FINDINGS TO SEEK FURTHER CORRECTIVE MEASURES ON PART HOST GOVERNMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, ICRC PLANNING SPECIAL EFFORT TO ARRANGE REPATRIATION OF SICK, WOULDDED AND CONVALESCENTS ON BOTH SIDES. CONNECTION LATTER, ICRC CURRENTLY COMPILING LISTS OF ISRAELI AND SYRIAN CANDIDATES FOR REPATRIATION. MEDICAL PERSONNEL BEING ADDED TO ICRC DELEGATIONS IN ORDER THAT DESERVING CANDIDATES FOR REPATRIATION MIGHT BE READILY IDENTIFIED. RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULT POLITICAL CLIMATE PREVAILING IN AREA, GALLOPIN AND HOCKE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT EASE WITH WHICH REPATRIATION OF SICK AND WOULDDED MIGHT BE EFFECTED. HOWEVER, THEY SHOW EVERY INTENTION OF PURSUING MATTER FULLEST EXTENT. ICRC AGREES SHARE WITH MISSION LISTS OF REPATRIATION CANDIDATES EACH SIDE. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT SAME TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, PROBABLY IN EARLY MAY. DALE

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